

MINUTES OF THE WILLOW CREEK WATER USERS' MEETING

April 4, 1961, Vernal Courthouse: 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Hubert C. Lambert, Deputy State Engineer opened the meeting and discussed some of the problems encountered in determining the rights of Willow Creek and stated that most of the area had been surveyed; but that there was considerably more work needed before a full Determination of Rights could be prepared.

Mr. Lambert then asked the Users what their problems were and what the physical condition of the system was and if any users had any suggestions as to ^{the} ~~what~~ type of procedure ^{could} ~~could~~ be worked out for 1961.

Mr. H. L. Swain stated that there were no measuring devices and headgates on Willow Creek and that most users took all the water available at their diversion point; thereby, causing the rights immediately above the confluence with Hill Creek to suffer.

Mr. Otto Weaver of the Bureau of Indian Affairs then stated that Willow Creek was mainly a flood stream and that the water was reused many times as it traversed the course of the stream. He stated that it was not physically possible or feasible to install and maintain measuring devices.

Mr. Lambert asked Mr. Weaver if the Indian Service would put in measuring devices at this time. Mr. Weaver replied: No, not at this time.

Mr. Abraham Hatch then stated that he had cooperated with the soil conservation and had had a concrete diversion dam installed in the creek that was working very well and he believed that all users could do the same.

Mr. Willis Stevens then stated that he believed Parshall Flumes could be kept in all ditches.

Mr. Lambert then said that perhaps the Indian Service should reconsider its position.

Mr. Weaver then answered that he did not feel it advisable to install measuring devices and headgates at this time.

The rest of the users then stated that they would put in measuring devices and headgates.

Mr. Tomlinson and Mr. Golden Hatch stated that they were intermixed with other rights in their ditches and had special problems; but that they would install devices.

The users then asked that a representative of the State Engineer's Office make an inspection of the physical situation and give them technical advice as to installation of the devices.

Mr. Norseth of the State Engineer's Office then agreed that on his next trip to Vernal to go over Willow Creek with representatives of the users and give what assistance possible. He was to contact Otto K. Weaver, Representative of the Indian Service.

Mr. H. L. Swain, Roosevelt, Route 1; Telephone 0402; and Abraham Hatch at the Hatch Ranch on Willow Creek will represent the users and they will accompany Mr. Norseth on his survey.

Mr. Norseth then displayed a map he had prepared which showed the rights on Willow Creek and interviewed each user that they might check the map as to accuracy and ownership.

On completion of this interview, the meeting was adjourned.

Willow Creek

Name	Address	Representing At
Offst. Weaver	Bur. of Indian Affairs	Dte Tribe
Clive Sprance		Myself of Sprance Hatch co.
Rex Cook	for Frank McElure	
Willis Stevens		
Harry Tomlinson		
Abraham Hatch	contact lives on Willow Creek.	
H L Swain		

Alton Tomlinson
Golden Hatch

Contact Weaver for Indian Representative.

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